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SUBJECT: ADMIRAL SUDOMO COMMENTS ON EXTERNAL COMMUNIST ACTIVITY  
ACTIVITY AND INTERNAL SECURITY

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH KOMPAS AUGUST 26 CARRIED ON FRONT PAGE THE FOLLOWING DAY (ALSO REPORTED IN STRAITS TIMES), KOMPAMTIB CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL SUDOMO SAID INCREASING COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN NEARBY COUNTRIES WOULD INFLUENCE GOI PLANS FOR RELEASE OF G30S/PKI POLITICAL DETAINEES. HE SAID THIS ACTIVITY CONSTITUTED A FACTOR WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT, BUT DID NOT EXPLAIN WHETHER THIS MEANT THAT PLANNED RELEASES WOULD BE SLOWED DOWN OR THAT SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR RELEASE WOULD BE TIGHTENED UP.

2. ASKED ABOUT RECENT INCREASING COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN ASEAN COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE DISCLOSURE OF A COMMUNIST NETWORK IN  
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SINGAPORE OR THE TERRORISTS ACTION IN MALAYSIA, SUDOMO SAID

THERE WERE TWO THINGS TO BE WATCHED: THE POSSIBILITY OF INFILTRATION INTO INDONESIA, ESPECIALLY IN THE BORDER AREAS; AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SMUGGLING WEAPONS FOR THE USE OF THE REMNANTS OF PKI. HE SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GUARANTEE INCREASING EXTERNAL COMMUNIST DISTURBANCES WOULD NOT HAVE A DOMESTIC INFLUENCE. AT LEAST IT COULD GIVE MORAL SUPPORT TO PKI REMNANTS, SAID SUDOMO, AND EVEN STIMULATE THEM TO ACTION. HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE WEST KALIMANTAN BORDER WITH MALAYSIA WOULD BECOME A CENTER OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITY LIKE THE THAI-MALAYSIA BORDER BUT NOTED THAT IT HAD BEEN SUCH A CENTER PRIOR TO THE GOI-GOM AGREEMENT FOR JOINT BORDER OPERATIONS.

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3. COMMENT: HARRY CHAN OF THE CSIS TOLD REPORTING OFFICER AUGUST 30 THAT SUDOMO'S REMARKS WOULD BE READ IN FUTURE CONDITIONAL TENSE AND THAT THEY IMPLIED NO CHANGE IN CURRENT PROGRAM OF RELEASING 2500 CATEGORY B DETAINEES PER YEAR. HE NOTED THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO REFERRED TO PLANS FOR COMPLETING RELEASE OF PRISONERS FOLLOWING GENERAL ELECTIONS WHEN HE GAVE HIS STATE ADDRESS AUGUST 16, AND STATED THAT ONLY IF COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES INCREASED STILL FURTHER WOULD CHANGES IN PROGRAM OF PRISONER RELEASES BE CONSIDERED. NEWSOM

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